

Ridgway Fire Protection District
Regular Meeting
May 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm by Board Chair, Christen Williams, at the Ridgway Fire Department located at 251 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. Also, in attendance were Board Members Pam Kraft, Adam Johnson, Mary Reinhardt, and Jamie Gomez; RFPD Fire Chief Chris Miller, and District Administrator Katy LaSala.

MINUTES

❖ MOTION by Reinhardt to approve the 5/3/23 special meeting minutes as presented. SECOND by Gomez. ALL IN FAVOR with Kraft abstaining.

FINANCIALS

❖ MOTION by Reinhardt to approve financials as presented. SECOND by Johnson. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Fire Chief Contract & Hiring of Fire Chief

❖ MOTION by Reinhardt to approve the fire chief employment contract as amended and authorize the RFPD board chair to sign the contract on behalf of the board to enter into an agreement with Chris Miller. SECOND by Kraft. ALL IN FAVOR.

Survey Results

While the physical results were not available, Johnson noted that the results showed that the RVFD firefighters are “generally content” with the fire department. Most feel that they are reasonably well trained and equipped. Johnson noted that he did not approve of the way that the survey was presented as members were not given enough time or anonymity to complete it. Gomez and LaSala suggested that we offer an online survey in the future. Johnson will bring the survey results to the next District meeting.

Building Repairs Update

Chief Miller noted that the Rescue Bay repairs are almost complete, and the upstairs common room will be finished upon completion of the carpet installation.

ServePro Payment Dispute

Chief Miller noted that we are still waiting on our insurance company to negotiate with ServePro. The Board tasked Chief Miller to have our legal representative call our insurance company and draft a letter to ServePro if he deems necessary.

CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Miller explained that the wildland team performed a live burn in a field on the eastern edge of town, and we still have a few more fields around the District to burn as well as several other upcoming trainings.

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER NON-AGENDA BUSINESS

RFPD Board Social

The RFPD will hold a social event at the home of Christen Williams on Wednesday, June 7th at 5 pm. RFPD officers and spouses are invited to attend. Williams also suggested that the Board hold an annual “retreat”/social event.

Public Meeting Time Change

- ❖ MOTION by Reinhardt to change the time of regular meetings from 5:30 pm to 5 pm on the third Monday of each month. SECOND by Johnson. ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ MOTION by Gomez to Adjourn until 6/19/23. Second by Reinhardt. ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting Adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectively Submitted,
-Katy LaSala